

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes July 27, 2005

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:27 p.m. (EST) on July 27, 2005 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Chairman and Director of Department of Natural Resources, Kyle J. Hupfer.

Board members present were Chairman Hupfer, Vice Chairman John J. Newman, Jon C. Smith, Julie Donnell, Harry L. Murphy, Kent Schuette, William L. Selm, Barbara Trimble and Donald Cochran.

Staff members present were Karie A. Brudis, John L. Carr, Paul C. Diebold, Shana N. Kelso, Amy E. Walker, J. Rick Jones, Malia D. Savarino, Frank D. Hurdis and Karen L. Hanes.

Visitors present were: Bruce Beesley, Larua Minzes, Richard Day, Wilma Bush, Ed Spear, Chris Baas, Christine Dowdswell, Fred Bruckner, Mary Bennett, Kimberly Bennett, Donald Katterhenry, Elizabeth Frazier, Betty Yeager, Nancy Hutchings, Bruce Hutchings, Charles Bennett, Regina Torrella, Charles Smith, Jr., Robert Bugher, John Bacone, Craig Reynolds, Link Ludington, James Davis, Randy Maxwell, Edward Frazier, Glory-June Greiff, Connie Pearson, Brenda Bush, and Ann Knotek.

Chairman Hupfer called for the approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2005 meeting. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

In June the division co-hosted a very successful historic design landscape conference. At the conference, the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology was awarded the Cultural Landscape Foundation Stewardship of Excellence award. Later in June the division received the National Parks Service Outstanding Partnership Award for our efforts in developing and maintaining the National Historic Landmarks Program in Indiana. The CAMP Program, returns to Indiana in Elkhart on September 15, 2005. Also in September is Indiana Archaeology Month and this is the 10th year that we have had this program. The DHPA website has a listing of events happening throughout the state. Jon asked Paul Diebold to discuss the Trolley Tour of the architectural buildings at the Indiana State Fair. Paul also noted that a Preservation Road show will also be held at the State Fair this year.

II. State Certificates of Approval

- 1. Request by the Indiana Department of Correction for a certificate of approval continued from the April 27, 2005 meeting for the demolition of the Apple and Orchard Houses at the Juvenile Correction Facility in Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana.**

Kyle Hupfer stated that the DNR Legal Department had a chance to review this agenda item and they determined that a certificate of approval was not required. Ann Knoteck from DNR Legal Division stated that it would be appropriate for the board to formally remove the item from the agenda. Craig Reynolds representing Historic Landmarks Foundation repeated the foundation's objection to the demolition of these buildings and would utilize whatever appeals process that is available to them. Kent Schuette made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried. (Note: A full transcript of this agenda item is available).

- 2. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval to alter the façades of the Indiana Territory Capitol in Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana.**

Staff had no additional comments. Link Ludington was available to answer any questions the board had. He stated they were going to do the best they could to restore its appearance to 1811. John Newman made a motion to approve incorporating staff comments. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

- 3. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to alter, by repairing storm damage, the Bronnenberg House at Mounds State Park, Union Township, Madison County, Indiana.**
- 4. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to alter, by replacing and installing interpretative signs, Mounds State Park, Union Township, Madison County, Indiana.**

Chairman Hupfer stated agenda Items 3 and 4 would be considered together. Staff had no additional comments on either agenda item 3 or 4. James Davis spoke regarding this project. James also stated that they are in the process of restoring damage from the ice storm in January. Agenda item 4 will be an ongoing process for multiple years. This is the first and most critical phase of the project. John Newman inquired about using concrete in the holes for the signs. Mr. Davis explained they would be using existing holes which would be 3 feet deep. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve agenda items 3 and 4 incorporating staff comments. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and it passed.

5. **Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Engineering, for a certificate of approval to alter, by replacing the lower window sashes with louvers, the house at the Shrader-Weaver Homestead, in the Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve, near Bentonville in Fayette County, Indiana.**
6. **Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Engineering, for a certificate of approval to alter, by waterproofing the foundation and improving drainage, the house at the Shrader-Weaver Homestead, in the Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve, near Bentonville in Fayette County, Indiana.**

Staff had no additional comments. John Newman asked if further restoration was being planned. Bogusia Badrowska, Division of Engineering spoke regarding Agenda 5 and 6. She stated at this time they were trying to stabilize the foundation. William Selm made a motion to approve agenda items 5 and 6. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

III. National Register Applications

1. **Jerman School, 031-252-24021, 316 W. Walnut Street, Greensburg, Decatur County ((1783)**
Paul Diebold stated that this project was tax credit follow-up and this is the final part of the certification process. Chairman Hupfer asked for comments or questions from the board. John Newman made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. **Speedway Historic District, roughly bounded by 16th Street, Main St., 10th St., Winton Ave., Speedway, Marion County (1796)**
Paul Diebold stated this has been in the works for a while and was started by a junior high students and their teacher. Edward Frazer, a member of the Speedway Town Council, read a portion of the Speedway County Council minutes from July 25, 2005, where they voted and passed a motion to support this nomination. John Newman stated that he would like to see the reference to Sandborn maps incorporated in this request. John Newman made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.
3. **Ft. Wayne Street Bridge, Indiana Avenue over the Elkhart River, Goshen, Elkhart County (1808)**
Paul Diebold noted that letters of support from the town commissioners for this nomination were received and copies were given to the board. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. Donald Cochran seconds the motion and it passed.

4. George Boxley Cabin, Pioneer Hill at First and Main Streets, Sheridan, Hamilton County (1813)

Frank Hurdis pointed out that a letter of support was received from State Senator Jeff Drozda, which was one of about a dozen of letters received for this application. Glory-June Greiff spoke regarding this nomination giving an extensive historic background and a progress of this project. Brenda Bush also gave extensive history and progress report of this nomination as well. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. John Newman seconded incorporating staff comments that additional documentation will be provided as well. The motion carried.

5. Kingsbury-Doak Farmhouse, 089-095-95007, 4411 E. 153rd Ave. Hebron, Lake County (1819)

Staff indicated they had no additional comments. Chairman Hupfer asked if the board had any questions or comments. Donald Cochran made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria A&C. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Abijah O'Neill II House, 107-139-4006, 4040 W. 300 S, Crawfordsville, Montgomery County (1825)

Paul Diebold stated that the owner did not have sufficient time to research the UGRR connection. At this point, staff is interested in going ahead with Criteria C so the homeowner can apply for tax credits to begin needed repairs to restore this property. Barbara Trimble noted that in Section 8, paragraph 6-7 O'Neill's name is misspelled. Barbara Trimble made a motion to approve for the state and national registers under Criteria C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Grace Keiser Maring Library, 035-442-45308, 1808 S. Madison Street, Muncie, Delaware County (1826)

Paul Diebold noted this is a CLG application from the city of Muncie. We have a letter of support from the Mayor's office. John Newman notes no Multiple Property document for libraries exists and we have had a number of them come up in the past. John asked if this was something staff will be looking at or have the funding to do in the future? Jon Smith stated it was something that could be put on the work plan and looked into it. John Newman moved to approve the nomination for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. Donald Cochran seconded the motion and it passed.

8. Indiana Harbor Public Library, 089-679-33017, 3605 Grand Avenue, East Chicago, Lake County (1827)

Staff indicated there were no further staff comments. Barbara Trimble made a motion to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Blakenship-Hodges-Brown HS., 109-050-51023, 7455 Old State Road 67 W. Paragon, Morgan County (1934)

Paul noted that this was the first nomination to utilized digital photos and DHPA had printed them. John Newman moved to approve for the state and national registers for Criteria A&C. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

IV. Grant Evaluation Criteria and Priorities for FY 2006 Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Malia Savarino of DHPA Grants Section gave a report on the Public Input on FY2005 HPF Criteria. A notice of the availability of the draft priorities for the HPF grant program was mailed on May 13 to 800 individuals, organizations, and agencies. Interested constituents were encouraged to review the priorities and submit written comments to DHPA Office no later than July 22, 2005.

The HPF criteria are largely the same as those used in FY2005. No changes were proposed for the Administrative, Architectural and Historical Priorities. Several revisions for the Acquisition and Development Priorities included wording changes for the sake of clarifications and the point value increase of one criterion to better reflect its relative importance within the categorical criteria.

The Archaeological Priorities were reconsidered in depth by the archaeology and grants staff. Some wording was added and modified to clarify priority activities and point value of one criterion was increased. Two criteria were added: one to encourage surveys that assist with DHPA's environmental review and compliance duties and one to further encourage participation in Archaeology Month.

Two public comments were received this year, one suggestion to increase points for Administrative Priority #6 and add a guideline that sponsors be limited to receiving only one grant award per fiscal year. The DHPA staff carefully considered these two suggestions. Staff decided it was satisfied with the point system for the Administrative Priority and limiting sponsors would be highly problematic for municipal governments, universities and other institutions with multiple departments, agencies or campuses that might submit several proposals. In addition, this restriction would cripple the historic sites and structures survey program, which normally relies on multiple grants per year to one organization to gather and publish resource data. The second public comment suggested

increasing the point value for Archaeology Priority #3. for “projects” that will include historic contexts or activities that include systematic regional reconnaissance survey. The DHPA does not have a bias toward either prehistoric or historic research.

Julie Donnell made a motion to accept the report as presented. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

V. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Listed

Cataract Covered Bridge, At the intersection of CR 235W and CR1000N over Mill Creek in Leiber State Recreation Area, Cataract vic., Owen County (1657)

Joseph Jackson Hotel, 071-641-51011, 2720 Main Street, Vallonia, Jackson County (1798)

Honeywell Studio, 169-652-20011, 378 State Road 15, Wabash, Wabash County (1799)

Vinegar Hill Historic District, 105-055-77000, both sides of E. 1st St. from Woodlawn to Jordan and S. Sheridan to E. Maxwell, Bloomington, Monroe County (1801)

Twelve Points Historic District, 167-628-24001-24026, Lafayette Ave from Linden to 13th St & Maple Ave from Garfield to 13th St., Terre Haute, Vigo County (1804)

Kokomo High School and Memorial Gymnasium, 067-323-46142, 067-323-46143, 303 East Superior Street and 400 Apperson Way North, Kokomo, Howard County (1806)

Christopher Souder House, 183-510-16028, 214 W. Main Street, Larwill, Whitley County (1809)

Old Union Church and Cemetery, 027-008-45018, 1125 E, Alfordsville vicinity, Daviess County (1810)

Martin County Courthouse, 220 Capital Avenue, Shoal, Martin County (1811)

Lake County Sanatorium Nurses Home, 089-142-65068, 2323 North Main Street, Crown Point, Lake County (1816)

Andrew Nicholson Farmstead, 083-675-35021, 12095 SR 550, Wheatland, Knox County (1818)

Rejected

Hotel Barton, 501-509 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1800)

Froebel School, 089-232-20537, West 15th Street and Madison Street, Gary, Lake County (1822)

VII. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: October 19, 2005, Indiana Government Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EST)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.